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Some U.S. Allies Found Wanting

To the Editor:

There is a law to the effect that anyone aiding another in the act of a crime is equally guilty as an accessory. On this basis Uncle Sam has quite a few points against him. According to an article in the May issue of Ramparts, Marshall Ky, vice president of S. Vietnam is the biggest pusher of dope in that country. We have supported Ky for over six years with billions of dollars and over 40,000 of our boys have died in his cause. While President Nixon is declaring war on narcotics and on crime in the streets he is widening the war in Laos whose chief product is opium.

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) not only protects the opium in Long Cheng and various other pick up points, but has also given clearance and protection to opium laden air craft laden with dope in flying it out to sea drops.

One holds his breath when contemplating all the brigands, dictators and pirates that Uncle Sam has protected and dealt with. To name a few: Chiang Kai-shek whose lobby in Washington is one of the largest; the former dictator of Cuba, Batista who made a fortune on Cuban peasants and then forced into exile. Syngman Rhee of Korea (ousted by his own people); Franco of Spain whom we have spread the red carpet to for 30 years for allowing us to build fortifications in his country. Trujillo of the Dominican

Republic, murderer of thousands of his people and who built a mansion on a hill top surrounded by high walls upon which were built pill boxes armed with guards and whose private army guarded his many ships. At sea — this man was on good terms with the United States and was dined and wined on one of his trips to Washington.

When a country, the richest in the world becomes a mecca for brigands and pirates such as the above we may question the entire picture. Good citizens do not make bosom friends out of robbers and thugs and generally one can get a good idea of one's character by the company he keeps.

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